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Summary. *Gasteruption hastator* (Fabricius, 1804) is recorded for the first time in Fars Province and an overview of the distribution of this species in Iran is reported.

Key words: Hymenoptera, Gasteruptiidae, fauna, new record, Fars Province, Iran.

Ф. Цекколини. Первое указание *Gasteruption hastator* (Fabricius, 1804) (Нимфалоиды: Гастеруптидые) из провинции Фарс, Иран // Дальневосточный энтомолог. 2016. N 307. С. 9-10.

Резюме. Первые из иранской провинции Фарс приводится *Gasteruption hastator* (Fabricius, 1804), что позволяет уточнить распространение этого вида в Иране.

Gasteruptiidae is a small group of Hymenoptera (Evanioidea), represented by predators-inquilines on larvae and food stores in nests of Apoidea and Vespidae (Jennings & Austin, 2002). This family contains about 500 extant described species currently placed in six genera, four included in the subfamily *Gasteruptiinae* (Macedo, 2009, 2011; Zhao *et al.*, 2012) and two in the subfamily *Hyptiogastrinae* (Jennings & Austin, 2002). All known species of this family from the Palaearctic Region are included in the genus *Gasteruption* Latreille, 1796 (van Achterberg & Talebi, 2014).

Semenov (1892) is the first author to mention a species of *Gasteruptiidae* in Iran. Later some sporadic contributions add overall six other species (Hedwig, 1957; Tirgari, 1975; Samin & Bagriacik, 2012). Finally van Achterberg & Talebi (2014) add 17 species and summarize the faunistic data on the Iranian fauna. Thus, nowadays 24 species of *Gasteruptiidae* are recorded from Iran. The present work concerns the distribution of *Gasteruption hastator* in Iran. The specimen was determined by me and preserved in the Natural History Museum of the University of Florence, Zoological Section.

NEW RECORD

Gasteruption hastator (Fabricius, 1804)

MATERIAL EXAMINED. **Iran:** Fars Province, surr. salty lake 15 km E of Shiraz, 25.IV.2013, L. Bartolozzi & K. Mohebbi leg.

DISTRIBUTION. North Africa, Europe, Russia (from European part to the Far East), Turkey, and Iran (van Achterberg & Talebi, 2014).

NOTES. This species was firstly recorder from the Sistan and Baluchestan Province of Iran (Hedwig, 1957); later Achterberg & Talebi (2014) found it in the East Azerbaijan, Ardabil, Gilan, Kerman, and Kohgiluyeh and Boyer-Ahmad Provinces. Here it is recorded from the Fars Province for the first time.

DISCUSSION

Faunistic investigations about Gasteruptiidae in Iran have been so far poor and also for *Gasteruptia hastator* further researches would be needed to have a more complete faunistic knowledge in the Iranian territory, as evidenced by the fact that almost all records for this species in Iran are recent and the Provinces in which it is so far known are not all adjacent.

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